

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are honored to recognize milestone events in
4 the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Paramedic Donald W. Walsh, has
6 been employed by the City of Chicago Fire Department since
7 October 1, 1976; and

8 WHEREAS, Chief Walsh has served in leadership positions
9 promoting Emergency Medical Services, Fire Department Urban
10 Search and Rescue planning, Disaster Planning, educational,
11 research, and management training at local, State, national,
12 and international levels; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Walsh, through his expertise as a
14 Paramedic, EMS Officer, Chief Officer, National Fire Academy
15 Instructor, and numerous leadership positions he has held
16 with local, State, and national organizations, promoted good
17 will and humanitarian efforts to his fellow man on his own
18 time and at his own expense; and

19 WHEREAS, Chief Walsh has demonstrated extraordinary
20 humanitarian efforts in the Republic of Turkey following the
21 devastating 1999 earthquake that killed more than 20,000
22 people by working with the Turkish Fire Brigade Association,
23 the Istanbul Fire Department, and the United Nations in the
24 development of Urban Search and Rescue operations planning;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, The Emergency Medicine Association of Turkey
27 requested Chief Walsh to assist in Disaster Planning and,
28 through a humanitarian effort, Chief Walsh coordinated a U.S.
29 team of physicians to develop, design, and implement under
30 his direction the Republic of Turkey's first National
31 Hospital Emergency Disaster Incident Command Plan System,

1 which has been in operation since 2000; and

2 WHEREAS, Chief Walsh has been recognized by his peers
3 throughout the United States and by the International
4 Association of Fire Chiefs, which conferred upon him the
5 highest recognition for EMS Chiefs, "The James O. Page
6 Leadership Award", (EMS Fire Chief of the Year) on May 6,
7 2002; and

8 WHEREAS, National-Louis University has recognized Chief
9 Walsh for his extraordinary humanitarian efforts and awarded
10 him the 2002 National-Louis University Distinguished Alumni
11 Award for Humanitarian Services on June 8, 2002; therefore,
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 honor Assistant Chief Paramedic Donald W. Walsh, Ph.D., EMT-P
16 of the Chicago Fire Department's Emergency Medical Service,
17 for his loyal and dedicated service to the Chicago Fire
18 Department and to the residents of Chicago, the State of
19 Illinois, and countries all over the world; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Assistant Chief Paramedic Donald W. Walsh as an
22 expression of our esteem.